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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP - TRAVEL OF SMITHSONIAN
ENGINEER DR. TEWKSBURY TO ADJUST EQUIPMENT AT NAINI TAL
OBSERVING STATION, GRANT NO. FR4-60116

REFERENCE: STATE A-7250 DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 1974

1. SMI PROPOSES TO SEND MR. DAVID TEWKSBURY, OF THE
SMITHSONIAN ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY, TO THE UTTAR PRADESH
STATE OBSERVATORY/SMITHSONIAN ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVING
STATION AT NAINI TAL, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER, TO MAKE A PORT-
ABLE CLOCK COMPARISON AT THE NAINI TAL STATION TO MAINTAIN
STATION TIMING AT THE ACCURACY LEVEL REQUIRED TO CARRY OUR
ONGOING RESEARCH UNDER GRANT NO. FR4-60116. DURING A LOCAL
STORM THE STATIONS TIMING ANTENNA SYSTEM WAS STRUCK BY
LIGHTNING MAKING NECESSARY THE RESETTING OF THE CLOCK.
MR.TEWKSBURY WOULD PERFORM ANY INSTRUMENT SERVICING REQUIRED
AND WOULD DISCUSS TIMING PROBLEMS WITH DR. S.D. SINVHAL
AND HIS STAFF.

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2. ALTHOUGH THE INDIAN APPROVAL OF THE ORIGINAL PROJECT

EXCLUDED INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, SMI/SFCP FEELS THAT THIS
EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCE NECESSITATES THIS TRAVEL IN THE

INTEREST OF BOTH THE INDIAN AND U.S. PARTICIPATING
SCIENTIFIC GROUPS. EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORM SMI
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